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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the Alzheimer's disease task force report.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 231.62, Code 2011, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **231.62 Alzheimer's disease services and training —**
4 **implementation of recommendations.**

5 1. The department shall regularly review trends and
6 initiatives to address the long-term living needs of Iowans to
7 determine how the needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease and
8 similar forms of irreversible dementia can be appropriately
9 met.

10 2. The department shall act within the funding available
11 to the department to expand and improve training and education
12 of persons who regularly deal with persons with Alzheimer's
13 disease and similar forms of irreversible dementia. Such
14 persons shall include but are not limited to law enforcement
15 personnel, long-term care resident's advocates, state employees
16 with responsibilities for oversight or monitoring of agencies
17 providing long-term care services, and workers and managers in
18 services providing direct care to such persons, such as nursing
19 facilities and other long-term care settings, assisted living
20 programs, elder group homes, residential care facilities, adult
21 day facilities, and home health care services. The actions
22 shall include but are not limited to adopting rules.

23 3. The department shall adopt rules in consultation with the
24 direct care worker task force established pursuant to 2005 Iowa
25 Acts, ch. 88, and in coordination with the recommendations made
26 by the task force, to implement all of the following training
27 and education provisions:

28 a. Standards for initial hours of training for direct care
29 staff, which shall require at least eight hours of classroom
30 instruction and at least eight hours of supervised interactive
31 experiences.

32 b. Standards for continuing and in-service education for
33 direct care staff, which shall require at least eight hours
34 annually.

35 c. Standards which provide for assessing the competency of

1 those who have received training.

2 *d.* A standard curriculum model for the training and
3 education. The curriculum model shall include but is not
4 limited to the diagnosis process; progression of the disease;
5 skills for communicating with persons with the disease,
6 family members and friends, and caregivers; daily life skills;
7 caregiver stress; the importance of building relationships
8 and understanding personal histories; expected challenging
9 behaviors; nonpharmacologic interventions; and medication
10 management.

11 *e.* A certification process which shall be implemented for
12 the trainers and educators who use the standard curriculum
13 model.

14 4. The department shall conduct a statewide campaign to
15 educate health care providers regarding tools and techniques
16 for early detection of Alzheimer's disease and similar forms of
17 irreversible dementia so that patients and their families will
18 better understand the progression of such disease.

19 5. Within the funding available, the department shall
20 provide funding for public awareness efforts and educational
21 efforts for agencies providing long-term care services,
22 direct care workers, caregivers, and state employees with
23 responsibilities for providing oversight or monitoring of
24 agencies providing long-term care services. The department
25 shall work with local Alzheimer's disease association chapters
26 and other stakeholders in providing the funding.

27 6. The department shall develop a schedule for
28 implementation of the recommendations submitted by the
29 Alzheimer's disease task force to the governor and the general
30 assembly in January 2008 relating to education and training,
31 funding and reimbursement, services and housing, and wellness
32 and disease management. The schedule shall provide priorities
33 for implementation of all recommendations by January 1, 2020.

34 EXPLANATION

35 This bill directs the department on aging to develop a

1 schedule for implementation of the recommendations submitted
2 by the Alzheimer's disease task force to the governor and the
3 general assembly in January 2008 relating to education and
4 training, funding and reimbursement, services and housing, and
5 wellness and disease management. The schedule is to provide
6 priorities for implementation of all recommendations by January
7 1, 2020. The Alzheimer's disease task force was created
8 pursuant to 2007 Iowa Acts, chapter 121.